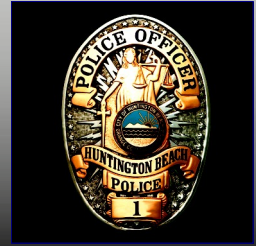


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The Beginning of a Housing Journey

Getting the elderly lady, pictured below, into shelter took the coordination of three agencies and one good Samaritan. Lena, pictured below with the good Samaritan and Case Manager Lisa Roberts, had a difficult time finding housing because she is legally blind.

Lena was living in a vehicle that she could not drive. She had recently parted ways with her caregiver and took to living in a parking lot. That is where she befriended a good Samaritan (who does not want his name published). He became her guardian angel of sorts, making phone calls on her behalf and footing the bills for a motel so that she could shower and sleep.

Adult Protective Services got involved, but because Lena would not part with her cat - Miss Kitty Sweetheart - placement options were more limited. The HB Homeless Task Force entered the picture, as did an Orange County Outreach and Engagement employee. Working together with these agencies, Lisa Roberts arranged for an HBPD officer to take Lena for an interview at a shelter that accepted animals. Unfortunately, she was denied admission due to her poor vision.

Dejected, Lena decided to give Miss Kitty Sweetheart away, so her good Samaritan began looking for a home. Lena reassured herself that it was best, as her cat would no longer be confined to her vehicle. As Lisa continued the search for immediate options, a bed opened up at SAFEPlace Shelter. Lisa and her co-worker, Hayley Yantorn, drove to meet Lena, her good Samaritan, the Outreach and Engagement worker and the cat's new adoptive family. After a tearful parting of ways with Miss Kitty Sweetheart and expressions of gratitude toward all, Lena was transported to SAFEPlace and is now sleeping indoors.

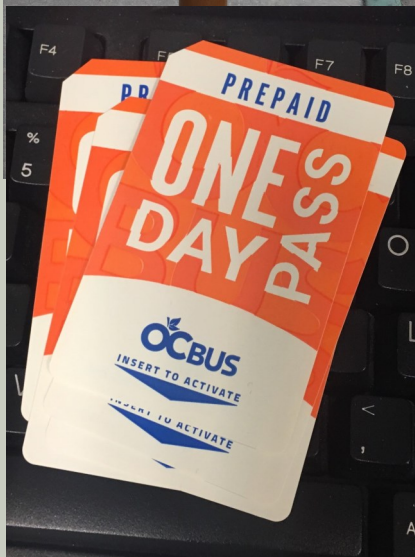
Lisa will continue to seek a more permanent solution for Lena. To that extent, Lisa is working with Helping Hands Senior Foundation. In all of this, Lisa was most amazed by the kindness of the good Samaritan. He was caretaking of Lena in honor of his late father. "It was something my Dad would have wanted me to do," he told Lisa. She was humbled by his grateful attitude and impressed that he extended himself so generously for this little elderly lady living in her car.



Right: a local high school girl donated bags containing basic necessities to the HTF. The items will be used for the homeless, with any unused items being donated to local nonprofits that care for the homeless. Pictured with her are Officer Dineen (left), Officer Chichester (center), and Officer Ricci.



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Below is the grateful recipient of our most recent outreach request. Two months of rental assistance was provided.

